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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please find below a listing of all of the pending claims. The status of each claim is set forth in parentheses.

1. (Currently Amended) A compiler used by a computer architecture to compile a family of related functions, comprising:

a member recognizer configured to recognize a member function from said family of related functions;

a family start caller configured to make a family-start function call for said family of related functions; [and]

a member finish caller to make a member-finish function call for said member function; and

an optimizer configured to optimize said family-start function call;

wherein the optimized family-start function call causes execution of instructions that are common to the family of related functions to occur prior to execution of instructions for each of a plurality of member-finish functions to reduce a number of instructions executed by the computer architecture in computing more than one member function from said family of related functions.

2. (Currently Amended) The compiler of claim 1, further-comprising in which [an]the optimizer is further configured to optimize at-least-one of said family-start and member finish function calls.

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3. (Currently Amended) The compiler of claim [2]1, wherein said optimizer is configured to optimize on at least one of intermediate language level, architecture specific level, and operating system specific level.

- 4. (Currently Amended) The compiler of claim [2]1, wherein said optimizer is configured to in-line expand at least one of said family-start and member-finish calls.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The compiler of claim [2]1, wherein said optimizer includes common subexpression elimination, code motion, and dead-code elimination.
- 6. (Original) The compiler of claim 1, wherein said family of related functions includes at least one of trigonometric, hyperbolic, and square root functions.
- 7. (Original) The compiler of claim 1, wherein said family of related functions is identified by use of a data store.
- 8. (Original) The compiler of claim 7, wherein said data store includes at least one of a lookup table, an ascii file, a binary file, and a database file.
- 9. (Original) The compiler of claim 7, wherein said data store is modifiable.

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10. (Original) The compiler of claim 1, wherein one or both of said family start caller and said member finish caller are configured to make said family-start and member-finish function calls, respectively, in an intermediate language.

- 11. (Original) The compiler of claim 10, wherein said intermediate language is non-architecture specific and non-operating system specific.
- 12. (Original) The compiler of claim 1, wherein said member-finish function call makes use of a result returned from said family-start function call.
- 13. (Currently Amended) A method to compile a family of related functions, comprising:

 recognizing a member function from said family of related functions;

 making a family-start call for said family of related functions; [and]

 making a member-finish call for said member function; and

 optimizing said family-start call to cause execution of instructions that are common

 to the family of related functions to occur prior to execution of instructions for each of a

to the family of related functions to occur prior to execution of instructions for each of a plurality of member-finish functions to reduce a number of instructions executed by a computer architecture in computing more than one member function from sail family of related functions.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising: optimizing at-least-one-of said family-start-and member-finish function calls.

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15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [14]13 wherein in said optimizing step includes:

optimizing on at least one of intermediate language level and architecture specific level.

- 16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [14]13 wherein said optimizing step includes: in-line expanding at least one of said family-start and member-finish calls.
- 17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [14]13, wherein said optimizing step includes common subexpression elimination, code motion, and dead-code elimination.
- 18. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein said family of related functions includes at least one of trigonometric, hyperbolic, and square root functions.
- 19. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein said recognizing step includes: identifying said member function through a data store.
- 20. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein said data store includes at least one of a lookup table, an ascii file, a binary file, or a database file.
- 21. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising: modifying said data store.

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22. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein said family-start and member-finish function calls are made in an intermediate language.

- 23. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein said intermediate language is non-architecture specific and non-operating system specific.
- 24. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein said member-finish function call makes use of a result returned from said family-start function call.
- 25. (Previously Presented) The compiler of claim 1, wherein at least one calculation is almost identical for each member function of the family of related functions.
- 26. (Previously Presented) The compiler of claim 25, wherein at least one calculation is identical for each member function of the family of related functions.
- 27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein at least one calculation is almost identical for each member function of the family of related functions.
- 28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein at least one calculation is identical for each member function of the family of related functions.